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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Masanobu ASAOKA, et al. )  
Application No.: 09/944,071 )  
Filed: September 4, 2001 )  
For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE- )  
FORMING METHOD USING THE )  
SAME AND METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING SUCH )  
RECORDING MEDIUM )

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Sir:

In compliance with duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. An Office Action from the Chinese Patent Office that was issued on April 25, 2003, in a counterpart application and that cites the listed document is enclosed for the Examiner's reference, along with an English language translation of the Office Action. Applicants have obtained an English language abstract for the Chinese document and attached it thereto. Applicants have also enclosed a copy of an English language counterpart and listed it on the Form PTO-1449.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<b>6,511,736 B1</b>	<b>01/28/2003</b>	<b>Asano et al.</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>195</b>	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
<b>CN 1273182A</b>	<b>11/15/2000</b>	<b>China</b>			<b>Abstract and U.S. Counterpart</b>

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